

I. **AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of an area of skin of a human subject transepidermally, comprising the steps of: abrading a portion of stratum corneum, followed by spraying a pressurized liquid at a pressure between 10 and 25 bar onto the area to be treated by means of a spray nozzle, and sucking the sprayed liquid from the skin by means of a conduit in communication with a vacuum pump.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the liquid comprises water or saline.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 2, wherein the liquid comprises at least one additive.

Claims 4-6. (Canceled)

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the sucking step is performed by reducing pressure of a volume surrounding the area of skin to be treated.

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) A method according to any one of Claims 1 to 3 and 7, further comprising the steps of filtering the liquid removed from the sucking step and recycling it.

Claims 9-16. (Canceled)